



Business Advisory Council

Minutes

January 23, 2008

Present:

LCB: Lorraine Lee, Roger Hoen, Ruthann Kurose, Mona Moberg, Alan Rathbun, Brian Smith, Randy Simmons, Pamela Madson, Rick Garza

OFM: Mike Steenhout

Business Stakeholders: Gilbert Canizales, Anne McGrath, Arlen Harris, Jeff Smiley, Phil Wayt, Martha Fuller, Jan Gee, Anthony Anton, Thomas Lee, Jean Leonard, Dave Ducharme

Called to order at 10:30 am by Roger Hoen

Following introductions, Lorraine Lee shared handouts from her recent attendance at the NABCA Board meeting and covered them briefly. The handouts included a sheet on Control States around the country and the NABCA Strategic Plan Status Report.

Randy Simmons provided a short background on our planning for the 2009-11 biennium and explained the philosophy of planning. It is due to the OFM in June. As part of our stakeholder group, the Council members were asked for their input on our Strategic Plan. Questions had been sent out in advance for members to review.

Member comments on our strengths included this Quarterly Meeting, having a clear mission, and that board members attend significant meetings—which enhances communication.

The view of what challenges face the board include: the slowing economy, staying focused on the mission, modernization, adjusting to a more mobile workforce and training issues, rule re-evaluation, and the need for clear success measurements.

Lorraine Lee shared the document on Board priorities for the Strategic Plan. Council members were encouraged to submit further comments directly to Randy Simmons.

During lunch, Representative Roger Goodman, of the 45th Legislative District, discussed interlock license legislation he is introducing this session, for which he seeks the support of the business community. Representative Goodman gave some background information

on the different types of equipment available, what research is being done, and how other states and countries are handling the issues. A discussion of the issues followed. During the afternoon, Pam Madson offered a presentation on the status of rules re-evaluation as well as legislative bills in progress, and looked for input from the members for their priorities. Topics mentioned included: rules as they relate the WAC and RCWs, references to look them up-both hard copy and electronically, the possibility of FAQs, the use of notification postcards, rules notification e-mail list, and information to the organizations for use in their newsletters.

The Legislative update was presented by Rick Garza. He summarized the legislation related to Liquor Control Board issues, as well as our agency request bill. Members discussed questions and clarifications on the various measures introduced this session.

Roger Hoen briefly discussed the results of the recent Employee Survey and the large improvement in employee feelings about working for this agency.

Adjourned 3:00 pm.

Next meeting April 23, 2008.